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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Applicants: K. AOTA, et al.  
Application No.: 10/600,577  
Filed: June 23, 2003  
For: FRICTION STIR WELDING METHOD AND  
STRUCTURE BODY FORMED  
Art Unit: 1725  
Examiner: K. S. Stoner

**AMENDMENT**

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

February 22, 2005  
(Tuesday after Holiday)

Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed January 21, 2005, please amend the above-identified application as listed in the following, and as set forth on the following pages:

**Amendments to the Claims; and**

**Remarks are included following the amendments.**